2.11 MAHARASHTRA

1979-80

2.11.1 Administration : Shri V.G.Khobrekar took over as the Director of Archives. 56 new posts were created during the period under review.

2.11.2 Budget : During 1979-80 a provision of Rs.15,26,500 was made on the non-plan side out of which Rs.14,56,028 was spent. There was no provision on the plan side. For 1980-81 a provision of Rs.15,62,000 has been made on the non-plan side.

2.11.3 Building : Proposal for construction of a new building for Maharashtra State Archives is still under consideration for Maharashtra State Archives is still under consideration of the of the State Government. Government.

2.11.4 Record Management : During the period under review 2,000 files of U.D.P.H.D., G.A.D. were examined out of which 25 files were marked for retention.

2.11.5 Research and Reference : 74 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 1,727 volumes and files were issued to them. Besides, 1,017 records were issued to Mantralaya Departments and other Government Offices against 1,195 requisitions.

33 research scholars availed themselves of the ~~research scholars availed themselves of the~~ research facilities at Pune Archives and one research scholar at Kolhapur Archives.

2.11.6 Reference Media : Under the programme, cataloguing of "Public Department Diaries" was continued and 62 Diarieswere catalogued. Cataloguing of 2,967 Modi documents from "Chandwad Daftar" was completed and also 2,000 maps were catalogued and listing of Court Records is in progress. Besides, Index to 557

volumes of Janjira Dewan (1869-78) was typed. Similarly 550 pages of Index to the compilation of Revenue and Forest Department (1863) were also ~~been~~ typed.

At Pune Archives, classification of documents in 40 Rumals of "Chitnisi Ghadni" section was made. 55,328 Modi documents, 5,842 English documents from the Deccan Commissioner and Satara Residency and 53,759 feristas documents were indexed.

At Kolhapur Archives, 2,200 documents from the section "Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj" and 500 bundles from Kagal, Kopshi were classified. Similarly documents in 30 bundles from Kagal Jahagir were village-wise sorted out and feristas of 229 files of Jahagiries of Kagal, Kopshi, Torgal etc. classified.

2.11.7 Publication Programme : Maharashtra Archives Bulletin Nos. 13 & 14 (Shivaji Commemoration Movement) was under preparation. The Catalogue of "Chitnisi Daftar" and "Shahu Daftar" Volume II were under print during the period.

2.11.8 Preservation of Records : 15,222 sheets were flattened, 1,751 volumes repaired with tissue paper, 7,742 sheets repaired th hand lamination, 7,480 sheets repaired with chiffon, 3,886 sheets guarded and 2,088 volumes (Gazettes, Diaries, Files etc.) bound.

At Pune Archives, 33,854 documents were repaired and 136 books bound while at Kolhapur Archives, 5793 documents were repaired and 57 files bound.

2.11.9 Photo-Duplication : As reported earlier the State Archives has no microfilming unit of its own. 150 Photostat copies of the documents were prepared for exhibition while 4,400 pages of Public Department Diaries were microfilmed.

2.11.10 Library : 89 reference books were added to the reference library of Bombay Archives. Besides, 382 publications of Maharashtra State Government, and 35 publications of other State Governments were received during the year.

At Kolhapur Archives, 209 reference books were added to the reference library and 205 publications of Maharashtra Government were received. 8 books were also received from private parties as a gift.

2.11.11 Other Activities : Six members of the staff were recommended for the Correspondence Course in Archives-Keeping conducted by the National Archives of India. They completed their course successfully.

International Archives Week was celebrated from 23rd to 29th October, 1979. An exhibition of historical documents from 1630 to 1947 organised on the occasion was inaugurated by Shri Bhai Vaidya, Minister of State for General Administration and Home Department, Government of Maharashtra. The main theme of the exhibition was "History of Freedom Movement". It received wide publicity through newspapers and attracted a large number of visitors.

Shri V.G.Khobrekar, Director of Archives gave a Radio talk on 'Study of Archives' from All India Radio, Bombay on 23rd October 1979. Lectures on 'Archives-Keeping' to the Mantralaya Staff from 23rd to 26th October 1979 were also delivered by him. The members of the staff contributed articles on archives to the local newspapers.